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The vehicles had civilian license plates and members of STB always wore civilian clothes. The STB collaborated with members of the Communist Party. In every town, large or small, in every office, factory, or any place where people gathered or worked, STB had its informers. Even a joke made at the expense of a government official would immediately be reported to the STB. This organization was known throughout Czechoslovakia as "the eyes and ears" of President Gottwald and his regime.

3. Immediately after World War II, units of OBZ (Obranne Zpravodajstvi - Defense Intelligence or Military Intelligence) were formed throughout the Czech Army. The designation of this organization was changed to DOZ (Dustojnik Obranneho Zpravodajstvi - Office of Defense Intelligence or Office of Military Intelligence) in 1947 or 1948.

I heard [] that every military unit and garrison contained one or two officers and one NCO of OBZ depending on the size of the regiment. If, however, the main part of the regiment was stationed in one town and one of its units was located in neighboring town or village, that unit also had its OBZ, usually composed of one officer who was sometimes assisted by one NCO. DOZ was represented at the Military School at Lipnik by a Major and a Sr Lt (names unknown) and at the QM School at Zilina by a Major and a Lt (names unknown). At both schools, the DOZ exercised great authority. The COs of the schools had to cooperate in every way with DOZ officials. The COs had no right to interfere in any way with DOZ officials, dispute their competence, or even request an explanation of their actions, because the DOZ officials were directly subordinate to the Main Hqs of DOZ at the Ministry of National Defense in Prague. The members of DOZ at the military schools in Lipnik and Zilina usually wore civilian clothes. Only on special occasions, such as parades, were they attired in their uniforms. According to hearsay, these officers were assisted by the members of SCM (Svaz Ceskoslovenske Mladeze - Czechoslovak Youth League), whose duty was to report every movement of the teaching staff and school cadets, every word and action in classrooms or during field exercises, and even during their free time was liable to be reported. I have no further information on this organization, nor do I know any personalities connected with it.

4. I think that the Soviet Secret Service must have agents in Prague who have the power to interfere with or direct the DOZ and STB. Evidence of this was seen in the case of Sling (fnu) Secretary of the Czechoslovak Communist Party for the Benesov Rayon. According to newspapers, Sling plotted to take over the leadership of the Communist Party in Czechoslovakia and make changes along the lines of Marshal Tito's regime. His co-conspirator was Marie Svermova, who held a responsible position in the Central Committee of the Czechoslovak Communist Party.

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